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SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS: CLEMENTE PADIN

REF: (A) STATE 029187 (B) MONTEVIDEO 2314

1. AS NOTED IN REF (B), EMBASSY FIRST RAISED CASE OF CLEMENTE PADIN WITH OCIP'S COL. MAYNARD IN JULY 1978. AT THAT TIME, WE WERE INFORMED THAT PADIN HAD BEEN ARRESTED ON 23 AUGUST 1977 AND INDICTED 20 OCTOBER FOR "ATTACKING THE MORALE OF THE ARMED FORCES". HE WAS THEN CONFINED AT LIBERTAD PRISON, A RELATIVELY MODERN PENAL INSTITUTION, AND WAS DEFENDED BY DR. JUAN BARBE, A COURT-APPOINTED CIVILIAN DEFENDER. COL. MAYNARD BELIEVED THAT PADIN WOULD BE RELEASED ON PAROLE SOON AFTER OUR INQUIRY WAS MADE.

2. PURSUANT TO REF (A) INQUIRY, WE AGAIN RAISED THE CASE WITH COL. MAYNARD IN MID-FEBRUARY AND REITERATED OUR QUERY ON MARCH 5. THUS FAR, HE HAS NOT RESPONDED. WE ALSO RAISED THE CASE ON MARCH 9 WITH COL. SILVA LEDESMA, PRESIDENT OF THE SUPREME MILITARY TRIBUNAL AND CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR OF THE MILITARY JUSTICE SYSTEM. SILVA INFORMED US THAT PADIN HAD ALREADY BEEN PAROLED, BUT COULD NOT GIVE DETAILS.

3. WE WILL CONTINUE TO QUERY MAYNARD FOR CONFIRMATION OF

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PADIN'S RELEASE.

4. PLEASE PASS ABOVE INTERIM REPLY TO SENATOR CRANSTON IN RESPONSE TO HIS INQUIRY (REF (B)).

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